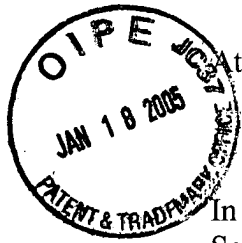


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Interview Summary And Comments On Reasons For Allowance

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Interview Summary and Comments on Reasons For Allowance in response to the Interview Summary that appears in PAIR as mailed on December 9, 2004. Applicants request that the one month deadline be waived in the present case because, as explained below, Applicants did not receive the Interview Summary as part of the materials that are identified as being mailed with the Notice of Allowance.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

REMARKS

Interview Summary

Applicants provide the present Interview Summary to respond to the Interview Summary that appears in PAIR as being mailed on December 9, 2004. Applicants note that, on November 22, 2004, Applicants sent to the Examiner an Amendment that memorialized the claims discussed during the interview and the agreed upon claim amendments. Thus, Applicants submit that the requirements for memorializing the substance of the Interview have been met. However, out of an abundance of caution, Applicants provide the present formalized Interview Summary.

Applicants initially note that, to date, Applicants have not received a copy of the Interview Summary through the mail. In fact, the only portion of the materials that are identified in PAIR as mailed on December 9, 2004 with the Notice of Allowance that Applicants' representative has received through the mail is the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment. Accordingly, to the extent that the November 22, 2004 submission is, somehow, considered as insufficient as an Interview Summary, Applicants submit that the Interview Summary was not mailed or was somehow lost in the mail and that the one month deadline has not yet started or request that it be waived. Applicants' representative apologizes for any inconvenience the delay in responding to the Interview Summary may have caused.

With regard to the Interview, Applicants' representative concurs in the Interview Summary provided by the Examiner that appears in the Image File Wrapper on PAIR and appreciate the courtesy of the Examiner's contacting Applicants' representative regarding amendments to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. During the Interview, the claim amendments reflected in the November 22, 2004 Amendment were discussed. Agreement was reached as to the wording of the claims and Applicants amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner.

Comments On Reasons For Allowance

Applicants note that the Notice of Allowability includes a statement that an Examiner's Amendment is attached. However, no such Amendment was listed in PAIR or provided with the Notice of Allowability provided in the Image File Wrapper in PAIR and Applicants did not receive many of the items identified in PAIR as having been mailed on December 9, 2004. Applicants do note that there is listed in PAIR an Examiner's Amendment Communication dated 11/30/2004, but that communication does not appear to be part of the Image File Wrapper. It does appear from the context of the Notice of Allowability that the Examiner's Amendment corresponds to the Amendment filed by Applicants on November 22, 2004 and the claims as amended by that paper. If such is the case, Applicants acknowledge their agreement with such amendments. If such is not the case, Applicants request that a copy of the Examiner's Amendment be provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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